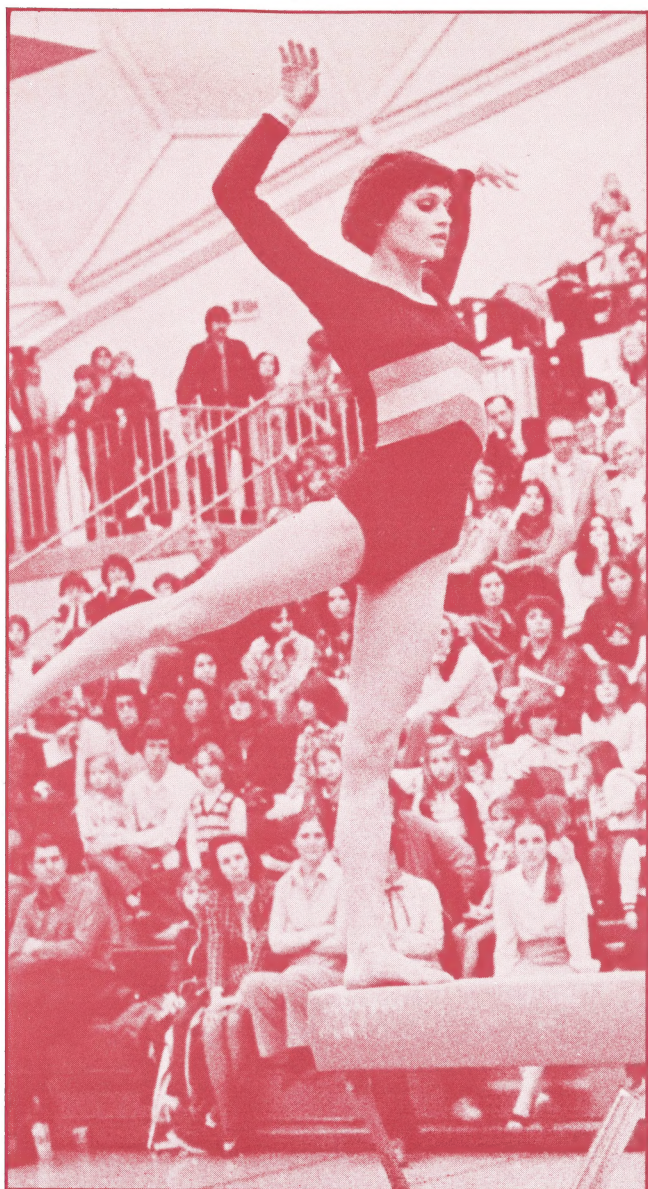


CENTENARY



All-American Beth Johnson

GYMNASTICS 1980

THE OUTLOOK: Three in a Row?

Will the third time also be a charm for Centenary's women's gymnastics team?

Two giant AIAW national championship trophies are in Centenary's trophy case and if the Ladies defend their Small College title they won't have to transport it very far.

All they'll have to do is take it upstairs in the Gold Dome, where the AIAW Division II national meet will be staged March 28-29.

But if Centenary makes it three in a row, it will do so with practically a new team. It's a rebuilding year.

That doesn't mean Coach Vannie Edwards can't rebuild a winner. It means the faces will be different.

The lone returnee from the past two champions is a good one, however. Shreveport's Beth Johnson, now a junior, succeeded heralded Kathy Johnson last spring as the AIAW Small College all-around individual champ.

She then finished second when all the AIAW competitors—major college and small—competed in the U.S. team trials for the World University Games. And she went to Mexico City for those Games in September.

"She'll be just as good as always," predicts Edwards. "Beth is cool, she has experience and she's mature."

Joining her will be freshmen Jennifer Forshee of Kirkwood, Mo., and Jill Brown of Rockwall, Tex., both good young gymnasts who Edwards says "potentially are strong enough to win at this level, too."

Edwards, who coaches the power of positive thinking, adds that "if anticipated recruiting comes through, we should be a power again."

AIAW DIVISION II NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Centenary College, its gymnastics program boosted by a fund drive that netted over \$20,000 to purchase equipment, will be host for the 1980 AIAW Division II national gymnastics championships.

In the past two years, the Ladies had to travel to Colorado Springs, Col., and Topeka, Kans., to claim the AIAW Small College title.

Centenary's beautiful 3,600-seat Gold Dome will be the site for the national meet in 1980 on March 28-29.

Centenary will also host a U.S. Olympic Team zone qualifying meet for women in the Gold Dome on Friday-Saturday, Jan. 11-12. It is the first step toward qualification for the Summer Olympics in Moscow.



VANNIE EDWARDS

Gymnastics Coach

Another year, another "Coach of the Year" award for Vannie Edwards.

That's been his story practically every year from the time he was introduced to women's gymnastics as a junior high school teacher in 1959.

He's internationally known in the sport, having been a part of 24 United States teams in international competition since 1964. That includes the last four Olympic teams.

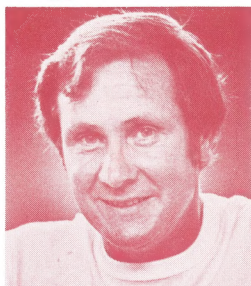
He was the U.S. team coach in 1964 (Tokyo), the manager in 1968 (Mexico City), and an assistant coach in 1972 (Munich) and 1976 (Montreal).

His travels have taken him to approximately 200 countries.

At Centenary, he's guided his Ladies to two straight AIAW Small College national titles, last year earning "Coach of the Year" in the U.S. Gymnastics Federation.

He first introduced women's gymnastics at Centenary from 1964-69 when he was a full-time member of the Health & P.E. faculty. The results in those years included one national title and three second places and the Shreveport "Best Ad" award for himself and the girls in 1966.

He has coached 14 girls that have participated in Olympic and other international competition and is training possible future participants at the Olympia Training Center, which he owns and operates. It is located in Belcher, 14 miles north of Shreveport.



CENTENARY COLLEGE

WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS

1980 SCHEDULE

Jan. 17 (Thurs.) — ORAL ROBERTS at GOLD DOME

Feb. 1 (Fri.) — Memphis State at Memphis, Tenn.

Feb. 15 (Fri.) — Univ. of Central Arkansas at Conway, Ark.

Feb. 16 (Sat.) — Oral Roberts at Tulsa, Okla.

Feb. 29 (Fri.) — Southern Arkansas University-Tech Branch at Camden, Ark.

March 1 (Sat.) — U. CENTRAL ARKANSAS at GOLD DOME

March 7 (Fri.) — MEMPHIS STATE at GOLD DOME

March 28-29 (Fri.-Sat.) — AIAW DIVISION II NATIONAL CHAMPIONS at GOLD DOME

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